

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A transparent liquid soap composition comprising:

5 to 25% by weight of C₁₂ to C₁₈ soap,

2 to 20% by weight humectants,

balance water;

wherein the soap comprises unsaturated fatty acid soap which consists essentially of 0.05 to 4 % by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid, or the derivatives thereof.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the soap comprises alkali metal salts of ~~C₈ to C₂₂~~ C₁₂ to C₁₈ fatty acids.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the soap is present in 14 to 22% by weight of the composition.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the soap comprises unsaturated fatty acid soap which consists essentially of 0.1 to 3% by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid or the derivatives thereof.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the humectant is selected from polyhydric alcohols including glycerol, sorbitol, polyethylene glycols, propylene glycols and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Original) The transparent liquid soap of claim 5 wherein the polyhydric alcohol is glycerol.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the humectant is present in 5 to 15% by weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 further comprising not more than 20 % by weight of a non-soap detergent active.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A process for preparing the transparent soap composition of claim 1 comprising the step of mixing

- (i) the total amount of salts of fatty acids including those prepared from castor oil or ricinoleic acid or their derivatives;
- (ii) water; and
- (iii) the humectants.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The process of claim 9 further comprising the step of adding ~~to the above mixture~~ suitable non-soap detergent actives.